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BLACKMAILERS ALARM BOONE COUNTY MAN

Note to Boone Faddis Demands
That \$3,000 Be Left in
Lane Near His
Home.

FAMILY IS THREATENED

An Employee Disappears While
Guard Is Maintained—
Centralia Woman
Gets Note.

An unsigned note, demanding that Boone Faddis, a farmer living near Centralia, leave \$3,000 in cash at a certain spot in a lane near his farm under penalty of death, was made public by the police of Centralia this afternoon.

The note was written in ink and demanded that the money be left in a box on the night of November 10 at a specified point. Penalty for not leaving the money, or for turning the note over to the police, the blackmailer added, would be the murder of Mr. Faddis, his wife and family, as well as the poisoning of his stock and the burning of his house. Faddis sought the police department and arranged that a box, containing biscuits, should be placed in the lane as directed. Guards were placed along the lane and watched all that night, the next day and the following night. No one appeared to claim the box.

EMPLOYEE DISAPPEARS
Faddis and the Centralia authorities suspect an employee who had been on the Faddis farm a week preceding the date on which the money was to have been paid. The employee disappeared while guard was being maintained to protect the Faddis family and farm and to apprehend the writer of the note. He has not been seen since.

Not only is the employee suspected on connection with the blackmailing, but another man whom Eugene Riley, Centralia marshal, has had under surveillance as implicated in a recent robbery and in bootlegging, is thought to be a partner in the threat. The second man appeared at Faddis farm at the time the employee was introduced to Faddis and later hired to do general labor on the place. Neither of the two suspects has been seen since November 10.

ANOTHER THREATENING LETTER
Centralia authorities have in their possession another blackmail note which was received by a Centralia woman. No clue has been found on the second note and Marshall Riley would not say this afternoon what the note contained.

Although one week has elapsed since Faddis was supposed to have left the \$3,000 in the lane according to instructions in his note, nothing unusual has happened on the Faddis farm. The place has been guarded and efforts to apprehend the writer of the note have not ceased.

The note Faddis received was written in ink on a torn piece of white paper. Marshall Riley now has in his possession a similar piece of white paper which may have been a part of the same sheet. The latter has pencilled words written rather illegibly and efforts are being made to determine whether or not the hand writing is that of the same individual.

FORESTRY PLANS DISCUSSED

Women's Club Representative Con-
fers With Doctor Dunlap.

Mrs. W. W. Martin, who was in Columbia today in the interest of the Women's Federation of Clubs, held a conference with Dr. Frederick Dunlap this morning in which plans were discussed for the organization of a forestry association for the state of Missouri. The Federation of Women's Clubs, acting in co-operation with the bureau for conservation of natural resources, is deeply interested in furthering this movement.

Prominent men and women of Missouri will meet to discuss plans for a forestry association at a dinner to be held in St. Louis, December 7.

ENGLISH TEST NOVEMBER 19

Examination For Journalists Will
Be Held Two Weeks Later.

The English examination required for all candidates for degrees in the College of Arts and Science of the University will be given from 9 to 12 o'clock Saturday, November 19. It will be held in the Physics Lecture Room and will be for seniors only.

The junior English examination for students working for degrees in the School of Journalism will be held in Room 205, Jay H. Neff Hall, from 9 to 11:30 o'clock Saturday morning, December 3.

Missouri Gets Advance of \$491,000.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The war finance corporation today approved forty-eight advances aggregating \$2,074,000 for agricultural and livestock purchases. The advances include \$491,000 in Missouri to purchase livestock in Texas.

N. S. Bucks Buried This Afternoon.

Nicholas S. Bucks, 76, a farmer living near Columbia, who died yesterday afternoon, was buried this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Smith Chapel in Howard county.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Cloudy and somewhat colder tonight and Friday, probably with light rain or snow. Temperature near or a few degrees above freezing.

For Missouri: Rain probable tonight and Friday; colder east and south portions.

Shippers' forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be near the freezing point west and north, above freezing east and south.

It is snowing in Nebraska and west to Utah and north to the Canadian border, raining in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and thence eastward to the Atlantic. The rain has been heavy in the southeast part of Missouri, southern Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York.

Lower temperatures obtained in the Plains and Missouri Valley states but there is a yet no severe cold south of the Canadian border.

Up to 7 o'clock this morning precipitation had been light in Missouri and the highways were still in fair condition, except slippery from about Wentzville east to St. Louis.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 75 degrees; and the lowest last night was 47 degrees. Precipitation 0.00. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 35 degrees and the lowest was 16 degrees. Precipitation 0.00. Sun rose today 6:53 a. m. Sun sets 4:54 p. m. Moon rises 6:00 p. m.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS

Red Cross Flag in Every Home
Is Aim of Roll Call
Committee.

"The aim of the Roll Call committee is to have a Red Cross flag in every home," said Mrs. C. M. Sneed, one of the directors of the Red Cross drive, this morning. "It is only by this accomplishment that the Red Cross will be able to continue its present scale of work."

Plans for the house-to-house canvass are being completed and several women have already signified their willingness to take charge of the work in their district.

The city has been divided into fourteen districts. A map of the city showing what blocks are in each district will be placed in a window of one of the business houses on Broadway. A system of colored pins will indicate what progress is being made in the drive in each district. The colors will be black, blue and red. Each block indicated by a red pin has 100 per cent enrollment in the Red Cross. Each block indicated by the blue pins has 75 per cent enrollment, and each block designated by a black pin has 50 per cent enrollment.

Mrs. J. G. Babb will have charge of the drive on Virginia avenue and that section of the city. Mrs. Walter Miller will handle the enrollment on Mill and University. Mrs. A. G. Spencer will have charge of the drive on Conley avenue and Hollis street, west from Hitt street. Mrs. C. M. Sneed will canvass on Elm street and Ninth street. N. D. Evans and J. G. Babb have charge of the enrollment of all the business houses on Broadway.

At the end of the year the local chapter will have a balance of about \$200. Unless there is an immediate and generous response to the Roll Call drive the work will have to be discontinued. Last year the expenses were about \$2,000 and an amount equal to that or larger must be subscribed to sustain the Red Cross work. This necessitates a larger amount as fifty cents of every subscription is sent to national headquarters. Last year Columbia alone raised \$2,700 for the local chapter.

E. L. Morgan made a four minute talk at the Columbia Theater last night on the work of the Red Cross and the importance of subscribing to the drive. He praised the work of the public health nurse and emphasized the fact that hundreds of Columbia school children whose health has been aided as a result of her examinations.

"When Miss Broeffie first began her examinations only 10 per cent of the children used tooth brushes. Now 98 per cent use them," Mr. Morgan said. He also spoke of the fact that the Red Cross is a Columbia institution as well as a national organization. There is a great need of carrying on the Red Cross peace program," Mr. Morgan declared. "It is not enough to give a \$1 subscription. Ten dollar memberships are needed from the people of Columbia, and of such amounts \$950 will stay in the local treasury to aid in local projects."

Huntsdale to Have Community Club
Citizens of Huntsdale and neighboring districts will meet at the Baptist Church in Huntsdale at 7:30 o'clock Friday night to form a community club. The purpose of the club will be to promote the welfare of the community at large. Officers will be elected and committees appointed.

Three Admitted to Hospital.
Those admitted to Parker Memorial Hospital yesterday were: Vernon Wright, Leland Edwards, and Paul Katt. Mrs. Bula Graves was discharged.

SOUTH CHINA WOULD IGNORE PAST TREATIES

Hin Wong, a Vice-President of
World's Press Congress,
Discusses Chinese
Conditions.

FOREIGN MONEY NEEDED

Former Student Visits Here on
His Way to Attend Dis-
armament Con-
ference.

Hin Wong, a graduate of the School of Journalism of the University in 1912 and a vice-president of the World Press Congress, visited in Columbia today while on his way to Washington, D. C., to attend the Disarmament Conference. Mr. Wong goes as an unofficial representative to observe for the newspapers and report to the people of South China.

He says: "The people of South China will not recognize any decisions of the Conference. South China claims that its government is the only legal government in China. The Peking government, however, is the one recognized by the powers."

"South China is open to the whole world. She would like to be free from past treaties, contracts and agreements which today are binding her. 'These were made when China was under corrupt officials,' Mr. Wong says.

"China has made advances in the last twenty years and will no longer submit herself to aggression. China would always like to open her doors to other powers," he says. "There is a need for outside capital to develop the resources of China. But we do not want outside interests to dominate China politically."

Mr. Wong visited the office of the Japan Advertiser the first of November, and saw many graduates of the School of Journalism. He attended the recent meeting of the World Press Conference in Honolulu and was elected one of the vice-presidents.

Mr. Wong was graduated from the School of Journalism in 1912. He has been editor-in-chief of the Canton Times, managing editor of the Canton Star, director of the Intelligence Bureau of the Military Government of South China, for some years superintendent of the government homes for the blind, aged, and infirm, honorary inspection of prisons and chief of the division of charity of the city of Canton, president of Kwangtung College, and lecturer of history of education in the Canton Normal School.

At the present time Mr. Wong is correspondent for Reuters Service, the Associated Press, and the Weekly Review of the Far East.

In addition to this, Mr. Wong is acting as Boy Scout commissioner of South China, honorary foreign secretary of the General Chamber of Commerce of Canton, chairman of the boys' committee of the Canton Y. M. C. A., secretary of the board of directors of the Union Middle School of Canton, and chairman of the council of elders of the town of Pingli, a suburb of Canton.

Mr. Wong was the guest of Dean G. D. Edwards of the Bible College during his stay in Columbia. He left this afternoon for St. Louis.

SHAMROCK TO BE LARGER

Staff Plan New Features and Bet-
ter Arrangement.

The 1922 Shamrock, published by the students in the School of Engineering, is gradually assuming form. The book this year will contain 100 pages and the price will be \$1.25. This is more than it cost last year.

The staff expects to have many novel features incorporated in the book. The editors intend to write to Herbert Hoover and other prominent engineers and get statements from them. There will be special inserts. Classes and activities are to be arranged in a more logical way.

Free copies of the 1921 Shamrock have been sent to high schools in the state. The same will be done with the 1922 edition. The book will be on sale on St. Pat's Day, next spring.

The staff is as follows: Editor-in-chief, John F. Calvert; business manager, Grover Godwin; art editor, Dan Paul T. Howard and E. R. Hentschel. The senior assistant is F. A. Asendorf; junior assistants are Dwight H. Bray, Paul T. Howard and E. R. Hentschel. Charles J. Watson and Lorenz Fisher represent the sophomore and freshman classes respectively.

Lost Articles Still Lost.

The clearing house which was arranged in Room 114, Academic Hall, for the return of all articles that were lost at the dance at the Rothwell Gymnasium Saturday night has not been successful so far, according to J. Max McCann, student president. He requests that all students who have articles which do not belong to them they get at the dance at the Rothwell Gymnasium Saturday night at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Exchange can then be made.

Son Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robinson, 910A Broadway, announce the arrival Tuesday night, of a nine and a half pound boy whom they have named Jack Ellwood.

INQUIRING REPORTER

"What do you think of Secretary Hughes' plan of limiting naval armament?" he asked five people picked at random.

Miss Dorothy Kaucher, instructor in English: "I believe that a limitation of armament will be fine, if it is actually carried out and if all the nations abide by it."

Roy Ivan Johnson, 614 Turner: "It is the most important step toward general international understanding yet taken by any nation. I am proud that America was the one to instigate the move."

Mrs. C. M. McAllister, 800 Conley: "I think that it is the finest step toward international peace yet taken."

C. R. Lane, Virginia Pharmacy: "It is a good step but I agree with the British ambassador that it is not drastic enough. We should have many more ships scrapped than is now proposed."

Emil N. Pollock, Bartlesville, Okla.: "I believe that the armament plan as proposed by Secretary Hughes is the most decisive step yet taken by any nation. It is the first prospect of lasting world peace that we have yet been able to look forward to. I was a captain in the army and I know what world peace would mean to the youths of our nation, now and in future generations."

CIRCUIT COURT TERM CLOSES

20 Divorces Granted and 5 Con-
tinued—Change of Venue
in Scurluck Case.

Twenty divorces were granted and five cases were continued over to the next term by Judge David H. Harris yesterday on the last day of this term of Boone County Circuit Court. Decrees granted were: May W. Bergner against George E. Bergner, the maiden name of May W. Woyt being restored; Shellee Barnes against Marvel Barnes; Stella Clark against Thurston Clark; Larry Davis against Mary Davis; Martha Jackson against Jay Jackson; Joseph T. Goose against Ella M. Goose; Robert Clay against Lellie May Clark; Ella Carlos against Charles Carlos, in which the plaintiff was awarded the care of two minor children until further order from the court and was given a judgment of \$15 alimony a month; Ella Castelan against W. Castelan; Ella Cochran against Henry Cochran; Minnie Fisher against Clarence Fisher; Ruth O. Houston against William Houston, the maiden name of Ruth O. Cox being restored; William T. Hodge against Ollie Bates Hodge; Geraldine Martin against Ralph Martin, the maiden name of Geraldine Forbis being restored and \$50 alimony given; Eva Mathis against Boyd E. Mathis, in which the plaintiff was given the care of the youngest child while the defendant was given the care of the other two children; Grace Pearl Roberts against Grover R. Roberts, the maiden name of Grace Pearl Barkwell being restored; George Scott against Lizzie Scott; Frank Turner against Ora Turner; Bessie Tinker against Henry Tinker, the maiden name of Bessie Robinson being restored; and Hugh Wisely against Ollie May Wisely.

The cases continued under advisement to the next term of the court were: Dan Bailey against Maggie Bailey; Lucy Jane Delany against George W. Delany; Annie McQuitty against Will McQuitty; Margaret E. Morris against Robert A. Morris; and Herman Smith against Laura Smith.

The Boone County Trust Co. was appointed trustee for Mary McAfee. Jennie M. Bates and Ellen F. Courtney for the estate of the late Anita M. McAfee, who died last August. The bond will be fixed during the next term.

Change of venue to Callaway County was granted in the case of Minnie E. Scurluck against Mrs. Luella Clark in connection with the death of Eulalie Scurluck, who was struck by a car which Mrs. Clark was driving. Change of venue to Callaway County was granted in the case of the state against C. S. McClintock under a charge of obtaining money on false pretense. The bond was fixed at \$1,000.

The case against P. R. Brown on a charge of abandonment was dismissed at the defendant's cost. The cases against J. E. Stord and Walter Sutton were continued to the next term of the court.

The case of state against John Evans was granted a change of venue to Audrain County. The bond was fixed at \$5,000, and was signed by Ella Evans, S. F. Conley, H. H. Banks, and N. W. Burton.

In the case of W. L. Green & Sons against Clarence Schultz, the plaintiff was given a judgment of \$2,000. The defendant was granted the right to appeal.

The court modified a judgment in the case of state against Frank Laura from 60 days in jail and \$100 fine, to 30 days in jail and \$200 fine. Laura entered a plea of guilty on a charge of transporting intoxicating liquor.

The next term of the Boone County Court will begin January 2, 1922.

Rug Stolen Wednesday Night.

A large rug was stolen from the porch of W. B. Palmer's residence, 601 Providence road, Wednesday night.

ELECTION BILL ADOPTED WITH AMENDMENT

Conference Committee Report
on Appropriation Bill Ap-
proved—State Tax
Clause Omitted.

PRESIDENT COMMENDED

Correction of Alleged Error in
Road Bill Is Passed—
Assembly Adjourns
at Noon.

By A Staff Correspondent.

JEFFERSON CITY, Nov. 17.—The second extra session of the Fifty-first General Assembly officially adjourned at noon today.

The Senate yesterday reconsidered the vote by which the emergency clause of the election bill failed Tuesday after the House had refused to concur in Senate amendments to the bill unless the emergency clause were passed. The emergency clause passed on reconsideration with the result that the bill will take effect before the first special election, for which it was primarily drafted. The bill provides for the reduction of the number of election judges and clerks for the two coming special elections except for cities where registration is held. The bill was adopted, as amended, by both branches after the report of the conference committee had been presented.

It was necessary to submit the appropriation bill to a conference committee also after the House had refused to concur in the nineteenth amendments attached to the bill by the Senate. The result of the conference was a report that the Senate recede on four amendments, that the House concur on seven, and that eight conference committee amendments be substituted for the remaining Senate amendments. The report was adopted in both houses. The only important change in the bill was the Senate amendment of Senator D. M. Proctor of Kansas City, striking out the appropriation of \$250,000 requested by the governor for the State Tax Commission.

Two concurrent resolutions were passed by the Senate yesterday and concurred in by the House. The first, introduced by Senator F. H. McCullough of Knox County, commended the action of President Warren G. Harding and Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes in advancing a plan to limit naval armaments.

The second was framed by the Senate judiciary committee as a substitute for the resolution introduced by Representative O. R. Whitaker of Hickory County which sought to correct the alleged error in the title of the Road Bill by altering the enrolled bill to correspond with the records of the House.

The concurrent resolution introduced in the House by Representative William P. Elmer of Dent County authorizing the governor to submit a constitutional amendment at the next special election providing that 25 per cent of the motor license fees might be used for road maintenance and no substitute was offered.

Although the House did not adjourn officially until noon today, most of the members left soon after the last vote was taken on the road amendment Tuesday with the result that a quorum was not present at any time yesterday and the roll call for the Soldier Bonus Bill was substituted to pass the appropriation bills and the election bill, by unanimous consent of those present.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SESSION

Following is the legislation in brief enacted during the second extra session: Soldier Bonus Bill; a bill setting forward the date for issuance of the first installment of the \$60,000,000 road bonds to March 1, 1922; a Congressional Redistricting Bill dividing the state into sixteen congressional districts predominantly Republican; an election bill in regard to registration and elections in St. Louis and Kansas City; an election bill reducing the number of election judges and clerks from four to two each for the two coming special elections, except in the case of cities where registration is held; an appropriation bill providing appropriations for the incidental expenses of issuing soldier bonus bonds and road bonds, and an appropriation for the State Optometry Board of \$12,000.

The Senate during the extra session confirmed the following appointments of the governor: Charles H. Prather of Boone County as state public service commissioner; George M. Hage of St. Louis, State Tax Commission; Roy Monier of Carrollton, chairman of State Tax Commission; and Ben C. Hyde of St. Louis, State Superintendent of Insurance.

Confirmation was refused by the Senate in the case of the appointments of A. L. McCawley as Democratic member of the State Tax Commission and Todd N. Ormiston as state oil inspector.

An appropriation for the State Tax Commission was the only piece of legislation requested by the governor in his messages that was not adopted in some form.

BARRETT WILL ASK FOR SPECIAL JURY MONDAY

Cole County Judge to Call Panel to
Investigate Graft in Beverage
Department.

By United Press.

JEFFERSON CITY, Nov. 17.—Attorney General Barrett today announced he would ask Circuit Judge J. G. Slate of Cole County next Monday to call a special grand jury to delve into alleged padding of expense accounts and salary vouchers by deputies of the state Beverage Department. Barrett made the announcement following a conference with Henry Westhues, prosecuting attorney of Cole County.

The attorney-general said he would also ask investigation into the manner in which Representative E. G. Davidson of St. Louis is alleged to have cashed the salary vouchers for three inspectors.

JAPANESE FAVOR CHANGE

Students Here Say Crown Prince
Will Be Good Regent.

The Japanese foreign policy will be changed for the better, if Hirohito, crown prince of Japan, is made regent, Tasuke Yamagata, a student in the University, believes. He further said that he had talked with several students of Japanese birth, and that general opinion was in favor of a change in government in Japan—that they desired to see a more democratic, progressive man at the head of the nation. Hirohito is just such a man, Mr. Yamagata says.

This crown prince, radically different from all other members of present and preceding royal families in Japan, has traveled over the world. Previously members of the royal family were not allowed even to lie down, but all Japanese prostrated themselves when the royal couch passed, for fear of being stricken blind.

Yoshihito, the present emperor, is in poor physical condition, and is probably losing his mind.

PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Children's Book Week Essay Con-
test Closes.

Prize winners have been announced in the Missouri Stores' Children's Book Week contest. The contest, which closed yesterday, was open to all grade children. The following have been awarded the prizes, which are \$2 books from the Missouri Stores' shelves:

Grant School: Ruth Coursault, Junior; Renie, Mildred Barnett, Mary Sabine, Lee School: Harriet Guitart, Will L. Nelson, Elizabeth Fryer, Robert M. Ramsey.

Benton School: Etta Lee Boswell, Billy Burkhardt, Phoebe Allen.

Eugene Field School: Margaret Ann Walker, and Clinton Trost.

Jefferson School: Mildred Jordan.

BAZAAR IS WELL PATRONIZED

Auctions and Raffles Held in Stu-
dent Home Are Successful.

The bazaar held by the women of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the auditorium of the Knights of Columbus Students Home was well attended, and interest was shown in the auction and the raffles. F. H. Sweeney was the auctioneer and disposed of articles varying from a live pig to boxes of candy.

Dancing was a part of the evening's program. The orchestra was composed of the young men of the church. All during the afternoon and evening a lunch was served by the women of the church. Parcel Post, Madam Utellem, a fortune teller, and other booths were patronized generously. The proceeds of the bazaar went to the Sacred Heart parish.

HARDING AGREES TO SURTAX

Senate Expected to Accept Forty
Per Cent Compromise.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—President Harding today agreed to approve the maximum surtax of forty per cent in the new revenue bill.

House leaders in a conference at the White House advised Harding that the Senate was willing to accept a 40 per cent surtax as a compromise between its 50 per cent level and the House figure, 32 per cent, which was originally supported by the Whitt House.

Menorah Society Meets Tomorrow.

There will be a meeting of the University of Missouri Menorah Society at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. An interesting program has been arranged. "The Jew in Medicine" will be discussed by Max Karachunsky. During the informal part of the meeting there will be a vocal solo and a recitation. Refreshments will be served, and everybody is invited.

Basile-Johnson Wedding Last Night.

David Oliver Johnson, South-Fifth street, and Miss Josephine Basile, of Pi-lot Grove, an employee of the Columbia Telephone Company, were married at 8 o'clock last night at the home of the Rev. S. S. Keith, 1209 Walnut street.

Woodmen Circle Gives Dance.

The Woodmen Circle of the Woodmen of America gave a dance last night at the hall over Gillaspie's drug store. Pies were sold to defray expenses of the Circle. The sale netted more than \$10.

Shippers Will Save \$55,000,000.

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—A 10 per cent reduction in agriculture freight rates, saving the shippers of the country \$55,000,000 annually will become effective in ten days it was announced here today.

NATIONS' AIM IN CONFERENCE MADE KNOWN

Real Plan of Japan Not Arma-
ment but Far Eastern Af-
fairs—Sees Value in
Submarines.

CHINA READY TO FIGHT

United States Will Go Limit
in Trying to Cut Expenses
and Maintain Effec-
tive Defense.

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Governments do not usually show their hands early in an international conference, but enough has developed here already to determine what the general course of the various nations is to be. Now that the public sessions are temporarily at an end, it is important to know the principles and motives which are guiding the different powers in the secret committee meetings where after all the real conclusions will be reached, for as Bernard Shaw once said, principles are always easily settled but its "the details that cause divorces."

Here is an outline of what the different powers are aiming to do, as revealed in private expressions of their delegates as well as in public utterances.

SUBMARINES WORRY BRITAIN

FIRST: Great Britain is sincerely trying to bring about a reduction in the cost of naval armament and is ready to agree in entirety to the American proposal about scrapping large battleships, but it is sensitive about the future development of the submarine and airplane. If the truth were told, there is a good deal more fear of those two weapons of warfare than naval experts like to admit. Scrapping of battleships is not difficult if the submarine and airplane are to be used as instruments of offensive war. As the discussions proceed, these two will grow in importance. They are the real "details" of the naval proposals. The question of shipyards for replacement and repairs will give little difficulty.

As yet nothing has been said publicly about the Anglo-Japanese alliance, but the British delegates know the American view. Great Britain appears ready to give up the Anglo-Japanese alliance but will use it as a bargaining point to gain from the United States either an understanding about the funding of war debts or concessions in respect of naval matters. The probabilities are that the British themselves haven't decided the point, but they do know the United States is eager to have the alliance abrogated, and with characteristic diplomacy, the British are waiting the opportune moment to obtain some "quid pro quo."

CHINA IS JAPAN'S REAL AIM

SECOND: Japan is rather eager for reduction of naval armament, but, like Great Britain, she sees a value in the submarine. Japan's desire, however, is to use the submarine and to obtain permission to build cruising submarines big enough to operate at great distances from home. This coincides with the wish of American naval experts, too, who believe the offensive submarine is a valuable arm for possible operations in the Pacific. Great Britain has the humanitarian argument, however, and will emphasize it constantly. Probably her view will prevail, for it is easy to get public opinion aroused even to the point perhaps of abolishing submarines altogether because of the fact that their only practical use is by inhuman raids on surface craft.

Japan's real aim at this conference is not naval armament, which seems easy to adjust, but Far Eastern affairs. This means China. Japan has made it plain that she is willing to go along with the great powers in their desire to lift the tax burden but that she wants a more or less free hand in China. Baron Kato is represented as saying he hoped the United States "would not unduly interfere" in China. That's the crux of the whole thing. Japan wants a free hand in China, or failing that, she hopes for as little limitation on her pretensions as possible.

FRANCE WANTS GUARANTEES

THIRD: France is an on-looker in matters of naval armament. But her part is none the less influential. Premier Briand has been maneuvering to draw Italy to his side but while the latter is willing to give France support on some points, the truth is that Italy is watching the United States and will follow Secretary Hughes more than Premier Briand. France is interested not in reducing land armament but in placing emphatically before the world her case against Germany on reparations and national security. After three years of speechmaking the French realize they have not made a convincing impression upon other countries as to their need for a large standing army.

Premier Briand is preparing a master stroke. He will soon offer to give up the expense of that army if guarantees of national security are given France, and if the powers, including the United States, will somehow underwrite the payment by Germany of her debts. If such a move leads to a discussion informally of war debts as a whole, Great Britain

will be found beside France urging a world readjustment of war debts either through a special international conference or through an agreement to be reached at Washington.

CHINA PLANS GREATEST FIGHT

FOURTH: China